



# WASH ASSESSMENT

Overview and Methodology

February 2020



# Presentation outline

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A person wearing a white t-shirt with 'REACH' and 'IMPACT PARTNER' printed on the back, and a cap, stands with their back to the camera in a dusty, open area. In the background, there are several cars and other people, suggesting a camp or a public gathering. The image is dark and serves as a background for the title.

# Research objectives

**Overall objective:** To provide a detailed evidence-base on needs, access to and functionality of WASH services and infrastructure.

- To provide data on conflict affected populations in and out of camps, as well as inform sustainable and preparedness-based programming by the WASH Cluster and their partners, nationwide.
- To provide a comprehensive evidence base to inform the 2020 Cluster Strategy.

A person wearing a white vest with 'REACH' and 'IMPACT PARTNER' printed on the back, and a cap, stands with their back to the camera in a dusty, open area. In the background, several cars and other people are visible, suggesting a camp or a public gathering place. The overall scene is in grayscale, with a red vertical bar on the left side of the image.

# Research objectives

## Specific objectives:

- To what extent are the WASH infrastructure and facilities **in and out-of-camps** across Iraq adhering to the minimum WASH Cluster standards and meeting the needs of the population of interest?
- If relevant, why does the WASH infrastructure and facilities not adhere to the minimum WASH Cluster standards or meet the needs of the out-of-camp population (in terms of water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste collection)?
- Which areas of Iraq have seen a decrease in surface water and/or an increase in frequency or intensity of droughts and floods, and what are their causes and consequences?



# INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

- Initiative of the WASH Cluster
- Involvement of WASH Cluster in all stages
  - Design of indicators and tools
  - Endorsement of indicators, tools, and TOR
  - Partner collaboration in data collection
  - Bilateral consultations and presentations to (sub-)clusters and working groups
  - Presentation of full data and findings
  - Endorsement of final outputs in shape of factsheets and executive summaries



# DATA COLLECTION AND COVERAGE

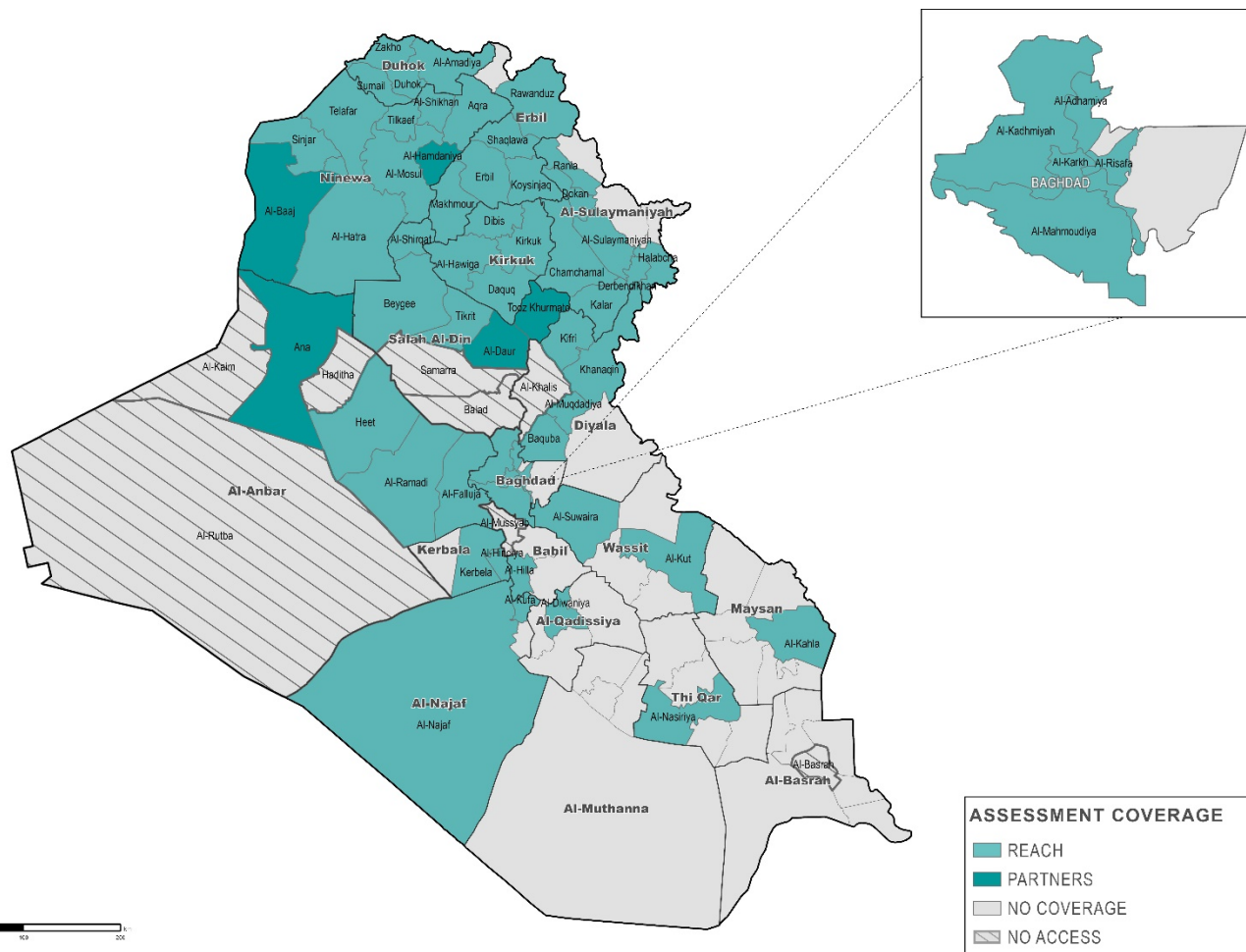
## Data collection

Between late September –  
early November 2019

57 districts (coverage in map)

9,184 households surveyed:  
5,568 IDP out of camp,  
2,839 returnee,  
777 host community

Data collected by five partners:  
Medair, Mercy Corps, Mercy  
Hands, Oxfam and People in  
Need



The background image is a grayscale photograph of a conflict zone. In the foreground, the back of a person wearing a light-colored vest with the word 'REACH' and some smaller text is visible. The vest also has a logo that says 'BY ENDORSING IT, UNPAID TERRORISM AGENTS ARE UNBORN'. The person is standing in a dusty area with other people and a white car in the background.

# CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

- Only districts with 200 IDP and/or returnee households were surveyed. Therefore, districts with less than 200 households are not included in the scope of the assessment.
- Surveys were conducted with one respondent (usually the head of household) only, who answered on behalf of the household, including for individual level questions on other members of the household.
- The Shia pilgrimage to Kerbela in the South of the country, as well as the ongoing demonstrations in several governorates, impacted the timeline of the assessment and may have impacted certain survey responses (primary water sources, coping strategies, etc.).
- Some areas were inaccessible due to authorization restrictions, or security limitations, which meant that target samples were not fully achieved in all locations.



# Questions?





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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